

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 11- 12, 13, 15 – 18, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,021,086 to Joffe in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,181,640 to Kang.

In addition, the Examiner objected to claims 2 – 10, 14, 19 – 25, and 27 – 32. In that regard, the Examiner stated:

“Claims 2 – 10, 14, 19 – 25, and 27 – 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.”

Applicant has amended claims 1 – 2, 8 – 9, 15, 17, 19, and 25 to clarify that no elements of those claims are means-plus-function elements. More specifically, Applicant has replaced phrases, such as “for generating”, with phrases that do not include “for,” such as “operable to generate.”

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 10. In addition, Applicant has canceled claim 10. As the Examiner indicated that claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicant believes that claim 1 is now allowable. Similarly, claims 2 – 9 and 11 – 14, which depend from amended claim 1, are believed to be allowable.

Applicant has amended claim 15 to include the limitation of claim 24. In addition, Applicant has canceled claim 24. As the Examiner indicated that claim 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicant believes that claim 15 is now allowable. Similarly, claims 16 – 23 and 25, which depend from amended claim 15, are believed to be allowable.

Applicant has amended claim 26 to include the limitation of claim 30. In addition, Applicant has canceled claim 30. As the Examiner indicated that claim 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicant believes that claim 26 is now allowable. Similarly, claims 27 – 29 and 31 – 32, which depend from amended claim 26, are believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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